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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, USIB

SUBJECT : Executive Session at 20 March USIB Meeting

A briefing note by Mr. Bross, together with a copy of the proposed charter for the Ad Hoc Committee, are shown under the first tab "Executive Session".

Copies of the proposed charter will be distributed to the Board Principals at the meeting.



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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, USIB

SUBJECT : Secretariat Summary of USIB Agenda for 26 March

- Item 1 Watch Report
Draft by the Watch Committee to be circulated for USIB approval;
Sponsor - General Cushman
- Item 2 Memorandum to Holders of The Soviet Space Program, NIE 11-1-69
BNE draft coordinated with USIB Representatives for USIB approval;
Sponsor - Mr. Smith

This Memorandum was initiated by BNE. It is not intended to discuss across-the-board developments in Soviet space activity, but to update those portions of 11-1-69 which discussed the likely timing of a Soviet lunar landing mission and other ventures which require the use of the very large Area J launch vehicle or the SL-12 launch vehicle.

The thrust of the paper is that because of the explosion at Area J at Tyuratam and the repeated failures of the SL-12 launch vehicle BNE is confident that certain Soviet ventures will, at the least, be delayed beyond the times estimated in NIE 11-1-69. It also says that there must be more evidence before new judgments can be made regarding the sequence or timing of major space events.

In the dissents to para. 1 and para. 11 NSA, DIA, and AF believe that data relative to the developments in tracking and communications facilities, the latest SS-X-6 firing, and certain military command and control aspects of the Soyuz 6-7-8 operation should be included. BNE does not agree and believes that if all these details were to be included a new NIE should be issued that would discuss the entire space program. The State representative believes that the judgment should be made that space stations have preempted the lunar landing mission in priority. BNE does not feel that this judgment can be made at this time.



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